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TO: ALL LICENSED RACING ASSOCIATIONS, JOCKEYS AND HORSEMEN

FROM: Jim Gallagher, Executive Director

DATE: August 11, 2006

SUBJECT: SAFETY HELMETS

Effective September 6, 2006, the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority will rigorously enforce the safety helmet rule in its administrative regulations, which is highlighted below:

810 KAR 1:009-Jockeys and apprentices

Section 14. Attire. (2) (e) Safety helmet that meets the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F1163-00.

All jockeys with scheduled mounts on this effective date and thereafter must wear a helmet meeting this standard or they will not be permitted to ride.

Currently there are a number of companies making ASTM/SEI-approved riding helmets, among them Charles Owen & Co., Ltd., Del Mar Helmets, Troxel, Devon-Aire, Equine Science Marketing, Intec Corporation and International Riding Helmets, Ltd. Further information about ASTM/SEI-certified helmets may be found at the following websites: Safety Equipment Institute (www.seinet.org), the National Hunter/Jumper Council (www.nhjc.org) and USA Equestrian (www.equestrian.org).

The Kentucky Horse Racing Authority will seek the assistance of all racing jurisdictions, licensed racing associations and the Jockey's Guild in communicating to this information to all riders who may come to ride in Kentucky of the need to have a safety helmet meeting this standard.

Questions regarding this issue can be addressed to P.J. Cooksey or Jim Gallagher @ 859-246-2040.